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Attorney Docket No.: MDG04-01
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Marc D. Germani
Serial No.: 10/767,760
For: METHOD OF FORMING A HEX NUT FROM A PLANAR MATERIAL
Filing Date: January 29, 2004
Examiner: Saether, Flemming
Art Unit: 3677
Conf. No.: 5395

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Enclosed is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (this form, 2 pages, in duplicate), Total Pages: 4;
- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement, Total Pages: 2;
- ☒ Return Receipt Pre-paid Postcard (in duplicate), Total Postcards: 2;
- ☒ Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0901, if necessary.

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	20	0	X \$25.00	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	X \$100.00	= \$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					= \$0.00

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0901.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



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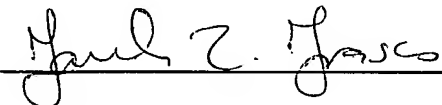
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 12, 2005 in connection with the above-identified Application.

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The Office Action imposed a restriction by requiring that Applicants elect one of Group I (Claims 1-10 and 20) and Group II (Claims 11-19).

Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-10 and 20.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue claims of at least the scope of the non-elected claims (i.e., claims 11-19) in one or more related Applications.

An early and favorable communication is hereby earnestly requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Response, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants Representative collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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